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Wayne, a painter was very interested in making a penny where he could so he often would thin down paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Baptist Church decided to do a big painting job on their biggest building. Wayne put in a bid and because his price was so low, he got the job. He set to erecting trestles and setting up planks and buying paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well, Wayne was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened and rain poured down washing all the thinned paint from the church and knocking Wayne clear off the scaffold onto the lawn, surrounded by telltale puddles of thinned and useless paint,. Wayne was no fool, this was judgment from the Almighty! so he got on his knees and cried, "Oh God! Forgive me! What should I do?"

And from the thunder a mighty voice spoke, "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"



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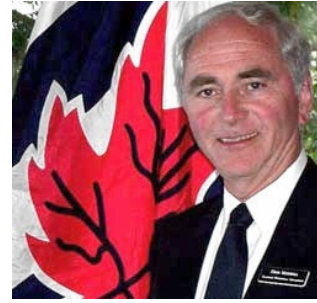
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Meetings of the Squadron Executive Committee (the Bridge) are normally held on the **third THURSDAY** of each month at 1900 in the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, except in July and December. All members of the Squadron are welcome to attend. *The Beacon* is our official newsletter. Members with articles or information should send material to the Editor before the 15th of each month. We also maintain a website [www.saanichpeninsulasquadron.org](http://www.saanichpeninsulasquadron.org). We suggest you check the site regularly for notices of upcoming events, classified ads, etc.

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER



Greetings to all! Our New Year got off to a good start with the graduation of our fall *Boating Course* students on January 9<sup>th</sup> where we had a record proportion of graduates join CPS! District Commander Shirley Hamilton pledged those new members able to attend. My sincere thanks go to all the instructors, proctors and support staff for the *Boating Course* and Student Cruise, to the students for their great efforts, to Squadron members who came out to show their support for the graduates, and to those who looked after arrangements for the graduation evening. On behalf of all of us in the Saanich Peninsula Squadron, I would like to issue a very warm welcome to our new members who are identified by our Membership Officer elsewhere in this issue.

Our Squadron Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be coming up in May. Current Bridge vacancies include Environmental Officer and Social Cruisemaster. At our January meeting, your Bridge officers decided we would also like to have a volunteer take on the role of coordinating Squadron social events. As I said in our last *Beacon*, we do not have to wait for the AGM to fill these positions if a volunteer steps forward before then. Please remember that our Squadron exists solely on the basis of volunteers. To volunteer for any Bridge position, to instruct or be a proctor, to assist with our student cruises or to help in any way with any Squadron or District event is an opportunity for members to 'give back' to our organization. If you are interested in serving on our Bridge, please contact one of the Nominating Committee: Gay Miller, Ken Clarke or myself.

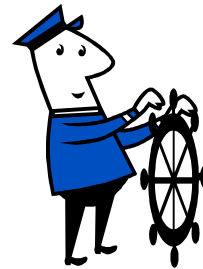
At the November District Meeting, Squadrons were asked how we felt about hosting the **2010 Canadian Power Squadron National Annual General Meeting** - a major undertaking. Our District last hosted the national AGM in 1996. At the January District Meeting, the unanimous vote of Squadrons and District Bridge members was to decline National Headquarters' invitation for Vancouver Island Districts to host the 2010 AGM. Our District Commander has advised National Headquarters of this decision.

Our *Beacon* Editor is always looking for material suitable for publication in future issues. If you have any material regarding boating or boating safety that would be of interest to our membership, please submit it. The Editor will be happy to receive your contributions and will advise regarding their suitability for publication.

In closing, I encourage members to support our advertisers. It is through their generous ongoing support that we are able to enjoy our newsletter *The Beacon*.

Cheers

Doug Mitchell



## **SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES ....**

The Saanich Peninsula Squadron and the *The Beacon* would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the following companies who kindly donated gifts and whose names were missed in the last publication. We appreciate each and every one of you and encourage our members to frequent your establishments.

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Thank you to the Proctors from the *Fall Boating* class, **Craig Lessels, Dan Giesbrecht, Jim Jordon, Len Burton, Paul Smith, Ruth Smith, Richard Funnell and Winston Mitchell**. They did a wonderful job helping the student's with all the charting, plotting, tying knots, by passing on their knowledge to the students in the *Fall Boating* class.

Dawna Burton - Chief Proctor

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Feb 08 **Pre-Cruise Presentation** for Skippers, Proctors and Students  
Please direct all questions regarding the Pre-cruise Presentation or the Student Cruise to: **Bill Miller, Student Cruise Master** 656-5190 or e-mail [studentcruise@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org](mailto:studentcruise@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org)
- Feb 16 **Bridge Meeting** - 1900 hours SNSYC. All are welcome
- Mar 05 **Student Cruise** to Otter Bay
- Mar 16 **Bridge Meeting** - 1900 hours SNSYC. All are welcome
- Apr 23 **VISD Commanders' Meeting** – 1030-1200 hours - Saanich Fair Oak Room
- Apr 23 **VISD Training Meeting** – 1030-1200 hours - Saanich Fair Poplar Room
- Apr 23 **VISD Council Meeting** -1200-1600 hours - Saanich Fair Poplar Room
- May 13 **VISD Mini Conference and AGM**

## BULLETIN BOARD

The previously advertised *Piloting* and *Advanced Piloting* Courses scheduled for January have been cancelled due to lack of participation.

Monday January 9th, 2006 was Graduation night for our *Fall Boating Class* of 24 students; it was a great evening for the students and members alike! Valedictorian, **Paul Pearlstone** gave an outstanding address to his fellow graduates and the Squadron... Guest Speaker **Dave Jackson** of the Canadian Hydrographic Service gave an entertaining and informative talk on CPS/CHS partnership in Safe Boating... and District Commander **Shirley Hamilton** pledged in our 21 new members! Thank you all who came out to share in the students' night and welcome our new members into the Squadron! Check our website [www.saanichpeninsulasquadron.org](http://www.saanichpeninsulasquadron.org) for photos to be posted!

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I must have made a good impression on the Boating class last fall when I spoke to them about the benefits of membership in CPS. After the students wrote the Boating exam on December 6th, 18 of them joined the Squadron that same night! One couple mailed in their application a week or so later, making 20 new members by the time of the Graduation Ceremony on January 9th. That evening, after the Boating Certificates were presented, and before the new members were pledged by the District Commander, one more student joined – so we now have a total of 21 new members!

Please join Cdr Doug Mitchell and the Bridge in welcoming:

Philip Baardman	David Howard	F. Mac Proctor
Chuck Burkett	Nicholas Hunter	Edward Smith
Shelley Burkett	Joy Hunter	Maureen Smith
Irene Dolan	Ingrid Jarisz	Peter Watson
Irene Dunic	Julie Lobb	Barry Wills
Colin Henderson	Paul Pearlstone	Sami Youakim
Joan Henderson	Joyce Pearlstone	Beata Marton

At press time, the Squadron membership was:

Regular Members	197
Family Members	59
Regular Associate	3
Lady Associate	13
Junior Associate	1
Life Members	<u>5</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>



Remember, please let me know of any change to your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address so that we can keep our membership contact information up-to-date.

Tony Kluge, Membership Officer

Phone: (250) 656-7032

E-mail: [membership@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org](mailto:membership@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org)

## MAREP - THE ELUSIVE QUEST

You are cruising along, timing the tide change that will permit you safe passage through a restricted channel. The VHF radio has sporadic requests from various pleasure crafts calling one another and commercial traffic is checking in at various call points along their route. Suddenly, your radio comes alive with, "Securit'e, Securit'e, Securit'e, All Stations, All Stations, All Stations! This is the pleasure craft *Rapid Charger*, north bound through the Arran Rapids".



A given latitude and longitude is broadcast reporting a deadhead mid channel and you are now aware that somewhere, in the Arran Rapids, a deadly log may surface unexpectedly - not exactly a comforting thought if you are making your passage astern the *Rapid Charger*.



If this is your first passage, the thought of the deadhead coming in contact with your hull on its upward travel is a little unnerving. Deadheads and floating debris are as challenging as uncharted rocks or, at times, the charted reefs and rocks that run the length of the West Coast. As a CPS member you are encouraged to submit a MAREP report if you encounter any of the above. Did any MAREP reports get submitted during this past year? NO!!!

If, in your opinion, **the rock awash that you just hit was out of position**, and you severely damaged your \$1000 propeller, **report it**. You have the skills to take bearings and fixes, please use them. In clear weather and calm seas there is no excuse for hitting a rock with a charted aid on top...but, it happens.



CPS has been involved in the MAREP program since the early 1970's. What is the connection between CHS & CPS? MAREP Reports will assist CHS more than you may realize. With Government cutbacks, lack of funding in various departments and downsizing, CHS can use our help by applying **your** navigational skills from the *Boating Course to Celestial Navigation*. It takes a large budget to run a Hydrographic Survey Ship. Fuel, manning the ship and supplies are a costly expense for a Hydrographic Survey. We have a relatively long boating season on the west coast and many pleasure craft, and for some it never really ends from year to year. Every year more and more pleasure craft ply the waters northward to test their boating skills and abilities. Their input will assist CHS Departments in "Sailing Directions", "Tide and Current Tables", "Light Lists" and "Aids to Navigation".

**CHS values your input.** Over the past few years **MAREP Reports have been rapidly decreasing**...why? Is it complacency maybe, the attitude that someone else can do it? Is it really that hard to tag a dead head so the next pleasure craft that may not have heard your safety call hits it?

In 1989 between the Vancouver Island Squadrons and the Mainland Squadrons, 241 MAREP reports were submitted to CHS. The highest number recorded was 15 in a seven-hour period. Pleasure Boat submitted: "MAREP Reports Benefit Everyone. This includes the boating public as well as CHS and CPS members...something to think about.

The next time a tour is arranged through CHS to tour their facilities, be it the Charting Department, or MCTS, think about the time and effort CHS puts into this Squadron to support its endeavors to promote safe boating, by doing tours of their facility on CHS volunteers' time.

It is time for us when on the water to make out and submit a report about anything we feel at odds with that is not right, such as a buoy that is not in place or a charted aid that is not flashing. As Squadron MAREP officer I encourage each and every member this Squadron to participate in the MAREP program...**get involved, support the program.**

What is this hazard?  
Len Burton, MAREP.



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# MAREP REPORT FORM

MAREP

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS MARINE INFORMATION REPORT

MAREP

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Send to DISTRICT MAREP OFFICER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM REPORTED \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Report \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

CHART NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ New Edition/Reprint Date \_\_\_\_\_

Have you supplied a section of the LATEST edition for this chart? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

*District Marep Officer, mail this form without delay to:*

*Canadian Hydrographic Service, 9860 West Saanich Road, P.O. Box 6000, Sidney, British Columbia V8L 4B2*

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Report received by \_\_\_\_\_ and Marep Acknowledgement Card Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Free replacement chart ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Chart Number \_\_\_\_\_

Copy for Sailing Directions \_\_\_\_\_ Notices to Mariners \_\_\_\_\_ Nomenclature \_\_\_\_\_

The information contained in this MAREP can be found on/in (as indicated)

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\_\_\_\_\_ 6. List of Lights, Buoys & Fog Signals \_\_\_\_\_ Ed. 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DID YOU KNOW...

Scurvy, a vitamin C deficiency, was responsible for more deaths at sea than storms, shipwrecks, combats and all other diseases combined? It is estimated that more than two million sailors perished from Scurvy during the "Age of Sail"- 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Captain James Cook recognized that the problem laid in the lack of certain foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables. He found ways of providing these for his sailors and as a consequence he never lost a single sailor to this dreadful and fatal disease.

Reference: *Scurvy* by Stephen R. Bown

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## EVENT ACTIVITY SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who took the time to submit your choices and comments for our *Event Activity Survey* held last October. The results have been tallied and are as follows:

Boaters' Swap Meet - 59%	Monthly dinner at SNSYC - 32%
Lecture Series - 56%	Boat Rally - 32% Casino Night - 26%
June - "Bon Voyage" picnic - 41%	Dinner/Dance - 21%
September - "Après Cruise" 41%	Summer Dinghy Races - 15%
Weekend Boating Rendezvous - 35%	Murder Mystery Night - 12%
Meet & Greet - Entertainment – 32%	Talent Night - 6%

It seems clear that our members look to the Squadron first as a venue for learning and second as a venue to participate in a few social activities spread throughout the year. Thus, your Bridge is planning events for this year accordingly. So... open those SPS emails, RSVP the events so we can plan them well, and let us know if you have any other ideas or comments (email to address below).

And....we can always use new volunteers to help us at our events!

Laura Parker - Communications Officer

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